ANNEX II

Public Involvement Statement Under the JCCRER Agreement

- The Russian and U.S. JCCRER will take mutually agreed on steps to make information available to the Russian and U.S. public about the findings of JCCRER-sponsored research projects related to the health effects associated with radiation exposure.
- 2) To begin the process:
 - Russian and U.S. JCCRER Executive Committee members, together with six designated public involvement experts (three each from the U.S. and the Russian Federation), will work to develop a consistent and focused message about the JCCRER research projects to share with the Russian and U.S. public.
 - Russian and U.S. JCCRER Executive Committee members will charter, based on mutually agreed on selection criteria and characteristics, self-directed working group(s) of independent Russian scientific experts and members of the Russian public. The joint Executive Committee will act in advisory capacity to this working group, which will (1) assess the level of public understanding of the JCCRER research projects, (2) identify steps to overcoming barriers and enhancing public cooperation and trust in these projects, and (3) develop a strategy and implementation plan, for review and approval by the joint Executive Committee, for public participation in the conduct of these projects.
 - The activity of the working group(s) will initially focus on the population around Chelyabinsk (excluding MAYAK workers) and, as approved by the JCCRER, later expand to other areas in which JCCRER-related projects are conducted or which are of interest to the JCCRER.

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